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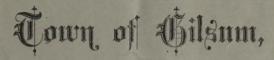
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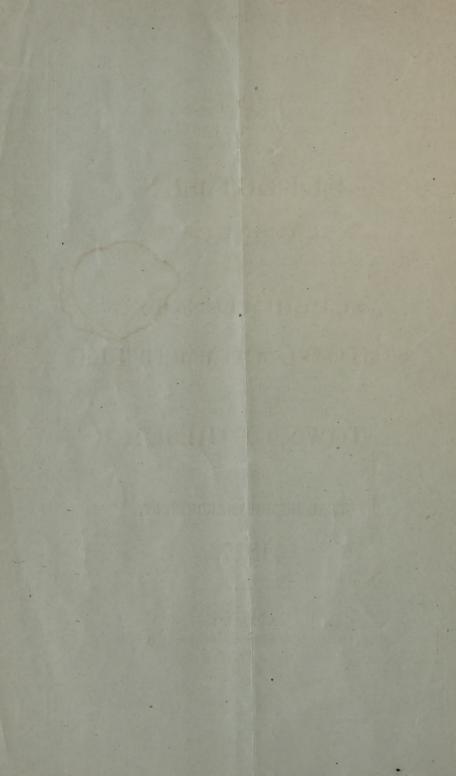
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Gilsum, for the year ending March 1, 1877.

APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH, 1876.

For town charges and debts of town,	\$1,000 00
Highway tax, in money,	200 00
For support of schools,	800 00
Total valuation of town April 1st, 1876, including	
polls,	\$228,684 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY TAX ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$732	00
County tax,	438	07
Town charges and debts of town,	1,000	00
Highway tax, in money,	200	00
For schools,	800	00
Percentage,	146	02
Rate of taxation \$1.45 on one hundred dollars,		
School-house tax in Dist. No. 2, with percentage added,	20	40
School-house tax in Dist. No. 7, with percentage added,	38	67
Tax on 45 dogs,	50	00
Amount committed to collector including non-resident		
highway tax,	3,469	73
Highway tax to be paid in labor, with percentage added,	617	40
Whole amount of school money, including Literary Fund,		
interest on school fund, and dog tax,	957	77

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EACH DISTRICT.

District,	No.	1,		. 13			\$135	65
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6.	66	6,					110	00
**	66	7,					138	92
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\$957 77

ORDERS ISSUED.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid John S. Collins, for se	ervices a	as Auditor,		\$1 00
F. A. Howard,	66	"		1 00
A. D. Hammond, for tea	m to K	eene, ride to Ke	ene, an	d
blank bonds				3 48
W. B. Allen, for printing	g town	reports for 187	5,	26 25
A. D. Hammond, for ser	vices as	Selectman for 1	1875,	102 19
A. D. Hammond,	66	Treasurer, for		20 00
Geo. H. McCoy,	**	Town Clerk,	44	21 00
Geo. D. Hayward	46	Selectman	66	59 00
Geo. C. Hubbard,	66	"	44	87 25
D. W. Bill, for services	as S. S.	Committee for	66	5 00
H. E. Adams, "		**	44	11 25
W. H. Spalter & Co., fo	r tax be	ooks and statione	ery,	4 30
John J. Allen, Jr., for r	recordin	g deed of cemete	ry lot,	65
M. Chapin, for sealer	s blank	s,		2 75

Paid L. W. Wright, Co. Treasurer, county tax,	\$438 07
Geo. F. Starkweather, for insuring town house,	25 00
Daniel Smith, collector for 1875, for abatement of part	
of Daniel and Eddo V. Bates taxes 1875,	1 14
John J. Allen, Jr., for recording deed of town house,	55
Ira E. Comstock, for shingles for town house,	16 50
A. D. Hammond, for getting lumber, shingles, staging	
poles, to and from the town house,	2 00
C. W. Bingham, for painting and numbering stakes	
for cemetery,	5 76
E. P. Nash, for making town house steps,	1 80
D. A. Roundy, for shingling town house,	8 00
Wheeler & Faulkner for counsel,	1 00
Theron Hayward, for invoice blanks,	75
D. W. Bill for cutting brush in south burying ground,	50
S. A. Carter, State treasurer, State tax,	732 00
N. O. Hayward, for wood for town house,	1 75
Lewis Bridge, for supporting watering trough,	3 00
A. J. Bowen, for sawing, splitting and putting wood in	
town house,	75
Calvin Chandler, for going with hearse,	7 75
Calvin Chandler, for use of Hall three days,	11 00
A. D. Hammond, for use of team, postage stamps, chec	k
lists, warrants and stationery	6 69
S. W. Dart, for supporting watering trough,	3 00
S. W. Dart, for collecting taxes,	24 50
S. W. Dart, collector non-resident highway receipts,	40 11
S. W. Dart, collector for abatement of taxes,	12 62
J. M. Chapin, for Settees, Tables and Lamps,	5 34
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\$1,694 70

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

P	aid Ephraim Howard for work on road, 1875,	\$ 2	80
	John R. Willard, for work and lumber on road for the		
	years 1874-5 and 6,	14	45
	Chas. E. Eveleth, for work on road,	3	50
	Henry Bingham, for work on highway,	9	15
	Woodbury Corey, " "	4	00
	Henry Grant, "	11	34
	George D. Hayward, for work and lumber on highway,	8	58
	Josiah Guillow, for work on highway,	15	25
	John J. Isham, for repairing road scraper,	2	75
	George B. Alexander, for putting up railing,	3	00
	Lowell White and others, for putting up railing,	5	61
	George W. Newman, for railing for highway	7	51
	Henry Bingham and H. C. Gates, for railing and putting		
	up the same,	16	15
	Daniel Smith, for lumber and work on highway,	12	25
	A. J. Howard, for lumber on highway, 1875,	1	35
	A. J. Howard, " 1876,	2	16
	C. D. Newman, for repairing road scraper,	1	00
	D. W. Bill, for work on highway,	3	94
	George H. Carpenter, for work and lumber on highway,	19	34
	D. A. Roundy, for work on highway,	1	95
	Darius Porter, for work and lumber on highway,	11	64
	George Bates, for work on highway,	7	00
	Dart & Hammond, for lumber for bridges and town house,	15	82
	N. O. Hayward, for work on highway,	38	
	Mason Guillow, for work on highway,		20
	Land Barrett, for work on highway,	1	50
	Darius Porter, for work on highway,		78
	N. O. Hayward & Son, for nails for railing,	3	43
	Milton Stearns, for work on highway,	3	00
	Walter D. Scripture, "		60
	Chas. E. Eveleth, "		00
	A. Chapin, " 1875,		75
	A. Chapin, for work and railing poles,	23	00

Paid C. B. Hayward, for work on highway, Solomon Mack, for work on highway,	_	40 76
	\$280	95

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Enos Cross, Prudential Committee, school money	
for District No. 6,	\$110 00
George M. Dean, Prudential Committee, school	W
money for District No. 4,	127.79
A. R. Corey, Prudential Committee, school money	
for District No. 1,	135 65
E. W. Gunn, Prudential Committee, school money	
for District No. 3,	118 78
G. W. Newman, Prudential Committee, school money	
for District No. 2,	207 33
Ephraim Howard, Prudential Committee, school	
money for District No. 5,	103 00
L. R. Guillow, Prudential Committee, school money	
for District No. 7,	138 92
George W. Newman, school house tax, Dist. No. 2,	20 00
L. R. Guillew, school house tax, Dist. No. 7,	38 00
-	\$999 47

TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid First Methodist Episcopal Society of Gilsum,	\$702 22
Olive M. Abbott, note and interest,	1101 34
Willard Bill, note and interest,	128,79

\$1932 35

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

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Paid Albert Hubbard, for keeping transient persons, 18 Wm. A. Wilder, for use of Pest House 1875, George C. Hubbard, for school books furnished indi-	75, \$ 4 00 75 00
gent children,	1 15
Albert Hubbard, for keeping transient persons,	2 00
N. O. Hayward & Son, for goods delivered Rosa Sto	one
in 1874,	3 00
12 20, 2,	
	\$85 15
	\$00 IO
RECEIPTS FOR 1876, COMMENCING MAR	RCH 1.
Money in Treasury.	\$385 05
Received taxable costs in Rawson suit,	23 42
" of Daniel Smith, collector for 1875,	316 45
" of County, for conveying Rosa Guillow to alms	
house.	4 00
" from the sale of old shingles,	1 20
" of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	857 48
" " Literary Fund,	65 25
" Borrowed of Cheshire Provident Institution	
for Savings,	600 00
of S. W. Dart, collector for 1876,	3148 11
of S. W. Dart, interest on taxes for 1876,	15 31
" Daniel Smith, interest on taxes, 1875,	12 94
	\$5,429 21
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RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITUR	ES.
Orders issued for ordinary town charges,	\$1694 70
" Repairs of highways and bridges,	280 95
" Support of schools and school-house	
taxes,	999 47
Orders issued for town notes and interest,	1932 35
" Support of paupers,	85 15
	\$4992 62

Receipts for 1876,	\$5,429 21
Expenditures for 1876,	4,992 62
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1877,	\$436 59

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1877.

Town note unpaid,	\$600 00
Interest on same to March 1, 1877,	5 40
Estimated amount due town officers for 1876,	210 00
Due school District No. 5, money not expended,	16 30
	\$831 70

ASSETS.

Money in treasury March 1, 1877,	\$436 59
In hands of Collector for 1875,	54 86
In hands of Collector for 1876,	321 43
	\$812 88
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1876,	\$502 21
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1877,	18 82
Reduction of indebtedness the past year, All of which is respectfully submitted.	. 483 39

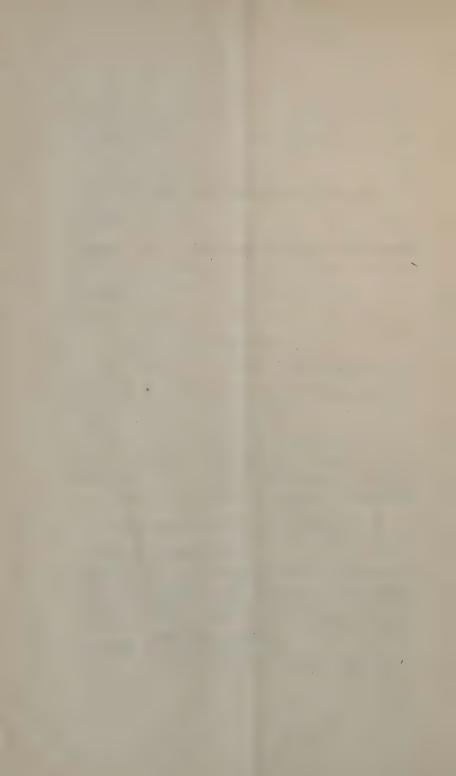
A. D. HAMMOND, GEO. H. CARPENTER, GEO. D. HAYWARD,

A. D. HAMMOND, Treasurer.

The undersigned Auditors appointed by the Town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer of said town, report that they have attended to that duty and believe said reports to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN L. COLLINS, F. A. HOWARD, Auditors.

Gilsum, March 1, 1877.



REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The town at its last Annual Meeting voted to raise for support of schools

To this was added Literary Fund

Interest on School Fund

Amount of Dog Tax so applied

Making entire amount of school revenue

\$957.77

It has been a very gratifiying feature of our schools the past year, that the services of the same teacher have been retained through the year, in every district but one. This is a step in the right direction, when faithful and competent teachers are found. Nearly all of the teachers have been well qualified and have applied themselves faithfully and earnestly to their work.

The value of the common school depends of course largely upon the literary qualifications, tact for teaching and capacity for management of the teacher; therefore those who are selected to employ our teachers, should be such persons as have the best interests of our schools at heart, and understand the qualifications necessary for a successful instructor,—one who will not for a slight difference in price, reject a thoroughly competent applicant for one whose services are dear at any price.

Great as is the influence of the instruction given in our public schools, there is a power behind this which no teacher however well qualified, earnest and faithful, can overcome. I refer to home influences and home training. Children who are taught to be obedient, orderly, truthful and industrious at home are almost sure to carry the same qualifications into the school-room, thereby almost ensuring the success of the school and making the duties of the teacher a pleasure.

I cannot believe that parents realize the injury they do their schools by listening with apparent satisfaction, and without rebuke to the daily little disorderly occurences of the school-room. Comments are frequently made in the presence of a child, and those comments are almost invariably derogatory to the teacher, instead of rebuking the child who was perhaps the first cause of the disorder. Children may intend to tell the truth, but there is a difference between telling the truth, and the whole truth. A little shade of coloring gives a different appearance to the whole The coloring given to these reports will be stronger and stronger every day, they spread from neighbor to neighbor, until such an influence is brought against the school as to entirely destroy its usefulness; when if a step in the right direction had been taken in the first place, the reputation and usefulness of the school would have been saved. What if every little family discord was noised abroad, is there a family in the community whose reputation would not suffer severely by the tongue of slander? One would think by the conversation of some parents who are never seen in the schoolroom that they understood better in regard to the management and progress of the school than those who frequently visit it. Teachers are not without faults neither are they without trials, and in most cases they deserve and should receive the sympathy and support of the citizens of the district. A great hindrance oftentimes to the progress of our schools is found in a want of proper classification; we are constantly employing new teachers, who are total strangers and of course without the knowledge for this important work; consequently the scholars are left to classify themselves to a great ex-This is often an unpleasant duty for either teacher or committee, on account of the opposition and faultfinding of some whose parental pride desires the child classed with others of its own age, whether qualified or not, much to the detriment of the child and those with whom it is classed.

More frequent visits to the school-room by the parents, I am confident would do away in a great measure the unpleasant and often unjust criticism and petty complaints which we too often hear.

By this course they could make themselves familiar with the method of instruction and discipline, and encourage the teacher in

his or her responsible and oftentimes difficult labors. Such a course generally leads to a mutual good feeling and does away with this constant harping upon the little disturbances which will be daily reported in nearly every household in the district if the child finds they are listened to and commented upon with evident satisfaction by the parent.

Fault-finding without personal knowledge of that which you complain is wrong and unjust.

Believe me, parents, when I tell you that your frequent presence in the school-room is one of the surest steps to promote harmony and secure the greatest good from our public schools.

No course of instruction is *safe* or complete, without the moral and mental training go hand in hand. Children should be impressed with correct principles of obedience, industry and frugality, virtue and temperance, honesty and exact justice to all; the teaching should be such as to inspire in them reverence for the Supreme Being and to acts of charity and love toward each other.

Efficient teachers, regular attendance, a wise organization and the hearty co-operation of the parents are the essential elements to produce a good school.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DIST. No. 1.—The first terms of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Ida P. Hale of Marlow. This school did not accomplish what we had reason to expect at the commencement of the term. The teacher lacked energy and decision. The pupils of course became idle and disorderly. The second term of nine weeks, was taught by Miss Abbie R. Gould of Nelson; the discipline was quiet but firm, the instruction systematic and thorough. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

DIST. No. 2.—This district divided the school year into three terms, Miss Vienna D. Mack, teacher. Miss Mack is a graduate of our N. H. Normal School, and is an energetic, industrious and thorough teacher. Excellent progress was made in the studies pursued; the closing examination showed some as fine classes as are usually found in our public schools. The teacher insisted upon perfect lessons and the pupils were required to stand or fall on their own merits. Some of the teacher's rules displeased a por-

tion of the parents, which probably impaired the usefulness of the school; still a good amount of work was accomplished.

Dist. No. 3.—Both terms of school in this district were taught by Miss A. M. Farwell of Harrisville. This was a superior school. The teaching was systematic and thorough, but the teacher did not deserve all the credit for making the school what it is. Here we have home influence exerted in the right direction. The children, I should judge, are taught to be orderly, industrious and obedient at home, leaving but little for the teacher to do in this direction, consequently her time can be given wholly to aiding them in their studies. The parents in this district feel a just pride in their school, and do all in their power by their presence in the school-room and otherwise to show their children the interest they feel in their welfare.

Mr. E. W. Gunn, the prudential committee for this district the past year, deserves honorable mention for his liberality, in boarding the teacher through both terms (23 weeks) for less than \$1.25 per week, and furnishing all the fuel used in the school-room free of expense to the district.

DIST. No. 4.—Both terms of school in this district comprising 18 weeks were taught by Jennie E. Wood of Keene. Miss Wood is a teacher of considerable experience and her being retained as teacher through both terms is an assurance that her services have been satisfactory. The closing examination was well attended by the parents, and showed that the pupils had been industrious, and the instruction thorough.

DIST. No. 5.—Both terms (16 weeks) were taught by Miss Ida J. Davis of Sullivan. Your committee did not visit this school at the close of either term,—the first term for want of notice,—the last for the reason that the term closed prematurely. The teacher appeared to be doing fairly for a beginner. Better scholars were found in this district than was expected from the opportunities they have had. The school-room is too small for the good order and comfort of the pupils.

DIST. No. 6. This district had a summer term of six weeks, and winter term of seventeen weeks,—rather an unequal division.

A. Bell Cochran, teacher. This is the smallest school in town, average attendance only about 6 scholars. The closing examination showed that a good amount of work had been accomplished and was entirely satisfactory to your committee.

DIST. No. 7.—Both terms in this district were taught by Mr. Lowell H. Stearns of Gilsum with apparent faithfulness, but the closing examination did not show as much work accomplished as we had reason to expect from the appearance of the school at the first examination. Many of the recitations were somewhat dull, either from a want of confidence on the part of the scholars, or a lack of thoroughness in the principles passed over. No teacher can accomplish a great work when the scholars are not industrious and attentive.

GEO. C. HUBBARD.

Superintending School Committee.

TABLE.

	Proportion for Each Scholar.	\$9.69		6.09		19 10	13.19 9.83 . 5.97		70.00	12.22		6.61				
	Proportion of School Money.	\$135.65		207.33		118.78		127.79		119.30		110.00		138.99		
	Wages of Teacher per Month in- cluding Board.	\$26.00	27.00	28.00	30.00	20.00	21.00	26.00	28.00	24.00	24.00	16,00	19.00	28.00	35.00	
	Xo. of Visits by Citizens & others.	26	88	653	30	15	₩.	19	30	50	17	41	11	34	37	
	No. of Visits by Supt. Com.	01 01	4	03	4	CS.	G?	०२	cs.	1	0.5	CS.	25	65	≎.	
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The second secon	TEACHERS.	Miss IDA P. HALE, Miss Abbie B. Goeld.	A D. MACK,			M. FARWELL,		Miss Jennie E. Wood,	99 99 99	Miss IDA J. DAVIS,	3 3	Miss A. Bell Cochran,	33 11 33	Mr. Lowell H. Stearns,	29 99 99	holars did not belong to the Distric
	Terms of School.	Summer.	Summer	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	6 Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	*Two scholars
8	*SOUTH TOTAL	- prof 10	CV			9	14	4	100	10	10	9	-	2		

